

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 11, line 8 and ending on page 12, line 7 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

--It is generally known that a plant hormone cytokinin is taking an important role in the redifferentiation of adventitious shoots. Thus, ~~any one of the cytokinin-related genes can be used as the adventitious shoot redifferentiation gene, including~~ includes cytokinin synthesis genes such as *ipt* gene (A.C. Smigocki and L.D. Owens, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 85:5131 (1988)) derived from *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* (hereinafter referred to as "*A. tumefaciens*"), and cytokinin-relates genes such as β -glucuronidase gene derived from *Escherichia coli* which is a gene which activates inactive cytokinin (Morten Joersbo and Finn T. Okkels, *Plant Cell Reports*, 16:219-221 (1996)), and CKI1 gene derived from *Arabidopsis thaliana* which is considered to be a cytokinin receptor gene (Kakimoto T., *Science*, 274:982-985 (1996)). In addition to these cytokinin-related genes, *rol* genes derived from *Agrobacterium rhizogenesis* (hereinafter referred to as "*A. rhizogenesis*") induce redifferentiation of adventitious shoots in a hormone-free medium, so that they can also be used as the adventitious shoot redifferentiation gene. Among these genes, the *ipt* gene is particularly preferred as the selectable marker gene to be used in the present invention because abnormal morphology induced thereafter can be detected easily.--